

**Dress Rehearsal/ Parent Observation Days –
Saturday May 20 and Tuesday, May 30 - Friday June 2, 2017**

Dress rehearsal will be at the school from May 20& May 30 – June 2, 2017. Please wear your costumes to your regularly scheduled classes. Classes are generally shorter than the regular class times. The dancers will do some simple stretching, as to not dirty their costumes, perform their dances 4-5 times and will then have an opportunity to take class photos. Some instructors do keep the children for the full class time, but most classes are released 10 to 20 minutes early. Parents are welcome to observe class during dress rehearsal. Perfect Attendance Awards will also be presented during Dress rehearsal week. Competition Team does not have dress rehearsal.

Marking rehearsal - Saturday June 3, 2017 12:00 PM

Rehearsal is at Hamilton Stage 360 Hamilton Street in Rahway on June 3, 2017. For directions and parking. Please visit their website at <http://www.hamiltonstagenj.com/directions.html>. Attendance is mandatory! No food or drink will be allowed in the theater. No gum chewing. Children must wear dancewear for this rehearsal.

DO NOT wear your costumes to rehearsal. Please find and stay with the class of the first dance you will be performing in, upon your arrival, and stay with your group until instructed otherwise. Song & Dance classes please sit in the first row as you will be going first.

Note: Any student under the age of 12 MUST have one of their parents or legal guardians remain in the theater.

This is for your child's safety, as we will not have chaperones.

Students must remain backstage during their scheduled act(s).

Please adhere to the following rehearsal schedule:

12:00 pm

Saturday Song and Dance
Thursday Pre-Tap
Elementary Hip-Hop
Tuesday Ballet Lyrical
Thursday Pre-Ballet
Saturday Pre-Tap
Thursday Elementary Tap
Teen Hip-Hop
Saturday Pre-Ballet
Thursday Elementary Ballet

As soon as you are finished with all of your dances, you may leave and return at 4pm to the backstage door for check-in. Actual order of dances for the recital is at the bottom of these sheets.

Recital rules –Saturday June 6, 2015 4:00 PM (1st Show) 6:00 PM (2nd Show)Please be aware of which show your dancer is in, only report for your assigned performance. You must arrive ON TIME.

General:

No panties! No jewelry! No gum chewing! No food or drink backstage! It is imperative that everyone adheres to this rule. Dancers may bring a sports bottle with water to be kept in their dance bags at all times. If any employees of the theater find the sports bottles, they will be taken from you and ESMD will be fined! Please keep water hidden! Also make absolutely sure that there is no garbage of any kind left behind in the backstage area or anywhere else in the theater. This is a very specific request from Hamilton Stage. Again, violation of this rule will result in a fine to the school.

No talking while you're lined up waiting to perform. When you're in your dressing room, conversation must be kept at a low volume.

Make sure you are in your first costume for the night when you arrive.

All Female Dancers:

All girls are to remain backstage, in the dressing room, for the duration of the show. If you would like to pick up your child after their last performance of the evening, you may come to the dressing room and pick them up. However, you will not be able to return to your seat with your child.

All Male Dancers:

All boys are to remain backstage, in the designated Boys Changing area, for the duration of the show. If you would like to pick up your child after his last performance of the evening, you may come to the dressing room and pick them up. However, you will not be able to return to your seat with your child.

Hair and Makeup:

All dancers (except for boys and Song & Dancers) must have their hair in a bun. Short hair and bangs must be securely pinned back off your face. All dancers should have red lipstick and blush applied before arriving to the theater. Wearing any other makeup (eye makeup, etc.) is at the parents' discretion.

Family and Friends:

Please limit-taking photographs during the performance, as it is distracting to both the dancers and other audience members. Please be considerate and shoot only during your child's performance. **No flash photography, please! Also, no balloons are permitted in the theater.** Absolutely no one may approach the stage for any reason, especially to present performers with flowers or other gifts. Do not under any circumstances take your child(ren) off the stage. These rules are for the safety of our students/your children. Children must be picked up backstage.

Recital schedule, 5:00PM Saturday June 3, 2017

Pointe
Announcements
Saturday 10:00 Song and Dance
White Rabbit
Every Breath You Take
Thursday Pre Tap
Seven Devils
Crippled Bird
Elementary Hip-Hop
Say Something
Body Love
Purple Rain
Code 5150
Sticks and Stones
Nothing Compares to You
Tuesday Ballet/Lyrical
Think!
Ever in Your Favor
Thursday Pre-Ballet
Big Spender
Last Dance

Recital schedule, 7:00PM Saturday June 3, 2017

Last Dance
Big Spender
Trickle Trickle
Ever in Your Favor
Think!
Colors of the Wind
Saturday Pre-Tap
Nothing Compares to You
Sticks and Stones
Code 5150
Purple Rain
Body Love
Say Something
Thursday Elementary Tap
Crippled Bird
Seven Devils
Respect!
Every Breath You Take
White Rabbit
Teen Hip-Hop
Saturday Pre-Ballet
Thursday Elementary Ballet
Pointe

One of the benefits of being a ESMD student is **no hassle recitals**. The recital will be no longer than 1 1/2 hours. Very young dancers should be well rested. It is a long night for them, and we want them to do their best for their big show. The reason we have younger dancers performing later in the show is to make sure that older dancers performing in more than one number have a chance to change their costumes and get back on stage on time. This will also help with the flow of the show so that we can keep things moving and possibly end early. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you have not yet purchased your recital tickets, please do so prior to the show. Reserved tickets are available online. The line outside the theater is always very long and some audience members have missed the beginning of the show due to the very long lines. Tickets will not be sold at the theater, so please remember to purchase your tickets in advance. Tickets must be printed, you may not show an electronic ticket on your phone. It is also important that you purchase your tickets early due to the chance that the recital may sell out. Thanks for a wonderful year and enjoy the show!